



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
ENFORCEMENT AND
COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Availability of State/Tribal Multi-Media Assistance Agreement Funds for Tribal/State Inspector Training, Program Planning and Performance Measurement, and Data Management

FROM: Michael M. Stahl, Director /S/
Office of Compliance

TO: Regional Administrators, Regions 1 - 10
Deputy Regional Administrators, Regions 1 - 10
Regional Enforcement Division Directors, Regions 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8
Regional Media Division Directors, Regions 3, 5, 7, 9, and 10
Regional Enforcement Coordinators, Regions 1 - 10

The purpose of this memorandum is to let you know that the Office of Compliance (OC) is making funds available for multi-media assistance agreements with states and tribes. The proposals can be in the range of \$50,000 - \$200,000 and should be in any of three focus areas. I am asking for your assistance in working with your states and tribes to develop pre-proposals which can be submitted to Headquarters by **July 5, 2002**. The Notice of Availability is attached and will be available at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/planning/states> on May 29, 2002.

Focus Areas

As explained in the attached Notice, the assistance agreements will be funded only for projects in the following focus areas: 1) Tribal and State Inspector Training; 2) Program Planning and Performance Measurement; and 3) Data Management. Please see the attached Notice of Availability for more details.

Process

States and tribes are requested to send 2 - 5 page electronic pre-proposals simultaneously to their Regional Enforcement Coordinator or Division Director and to David Piantanida, of my staff, by July 5, 2002. Regions will then have until July 19 to provide a ranking of the pre-proposals in order of preference (with #1 being the most favored) for each of the three focus areas. A panel of reviewers made up of headquarters and regional experts from each of the three focus areas will review the proposals, taking into consideration the regional rankings.

Funding decisions will be made by August 16 based on pre-proposals, and regions are asked to provide regional grant application materials to the selected recipients by August 21. Final proposals are due to regions and headquarters by September 27, 2002.

The projects will be administered by regional offices, although if a region feels a particular project is more appropriately administered by headquarters, I am willing to discuss such an arrangement. Each region should identify a project officer for each project selected for funding. Project officers should be competent in the focus area of the project they will manage.

Schedule

May 29	Regions transmit Notice to states and tribes.
July 5	Electronic Pre-Proposals due simultaneously to Regional Enforcement Coordinator or Division Director, and David Piantanida, OECA.
July 19	Regional rankings due to David Piantanida, OECA.
August 16	OECA notifies regions and states/tribes of selected recipients.
August 21	Regions provide final application kit for assistance to selected recipients. Regions notify David Piantanida, OECA, and selected recipients of the name and contact information of regional project officer and regional grants contact.
September 27	Final proposals due to regional project officers and regional grants contact, and David Piantanida, OECA.

If you have any questions about this process, please call David Piantanida, of my staff, at (202) 564-8318.

Attachment

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